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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. AM SURE YOU NOTED BREZHNEV'S MISREPRESENTATION OF MARITIME AGREEMENT PROBLEM IN CONVERSATION WITH SIMON. SIMON DID NOT HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THIS POINT, BUT I THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO MAKE SOME EFFORT TO CLARIFY IT. BEST WAY MIGHT BE FOR ME TO REQUEST APPOINTMENT WITH PATOLICHEV NEXT WEEK TO GO OVER POINTS HARTMAN MADE WITH DOBRYNIN AND ASK THAT OUR POSITION BE EXPLAINED TO BREZHNEV SINCE HE HAS TAKEN A PERSONAL INTEREST IN MATTER. (PREVIOUSLY, WE HAVE DISCUSSED PROBLEM OFFICIALLY ONLY WITH MFA AND MMM, NOT MFT, BUT BREZHNEV SEEMED TO BE RELYING ON PATOLICHEV FOR HIS INFORMATION.)

I HESITATE TO MAKE RECOMMENDATION ALONG THESE LINES IN NORMAL CHANNELS BECAUSE OF PRESS ATTENTION SIMON VISIT ATTRACTED AND CONSEQUENT DANGER OF LEAK. IF YOU AND OTHERS AGREE, INSTRUCTIONS MIGHT BE SENT TO ME TO FOLLOW UP WITH PATOLICHEV.

2. RE STATE 283098 ON CONSULAR REVIEW, WE INFORMED BULAVIN OF MFA CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION ON NOVEMBER 19 THAT EMBASSY READY TO BEGIN SECOND ROUND IN EARLY DECEMBER. BULAVIN REPLIED HE WOULD INFORM HIS SUPERIORS AND LET US KNOW WHEN SOVIET SIDE WILL BE READY. WE'LL INFORM YOU BY OPEN CHANNEL WHEN WE DO GET SOVIET NOD TO RENEW THE TALKS. MEANWHILE, ARE
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YOU CHECKING WITH SOCIAL SECURITY WHETHER WE CAN

RAISE THE QUESTION RE SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS
DISTRIBUTION HERE POSED IN MOSCOW 18012?

3. SAD NEWS DEPARTMENT: UPDK FINALLY FORCED MARY
LITVINENKO TO RETIRE AS OF TODAY (DECEMBER 1). HER
LAST DAY HERE YESTERDAY WAS ANTI-CLIMAX AFTER 30
YEARS, BUT WE'LL HAVE A SMALL FAREWELL FOR HER TOMORROW
WHEN SHE COMES IN FOR HER PAYCHECK. WE'RE STILL TRYING
TO REVERSE THE UPDK DECISION BUT PROSPECTS DON'T
LOOK PROMISING.

4. RE MOSCOW 18773 ON OUR PRISONERS. FOR YOUR
BACKGROUND INFORMATION, THE BRITISH INFORMED US THAT
THEIR EMBASSY NORMALLY DOES NOT APPEAL ON BEHALF
OF PRISONERS, ON THE GROUND THAT THEY DON'T WANT
TO INTERFERE WITH THE JUDICIAL PROCESS. IN A RECENT
BRITISH PRISONER CASE, HOWEVER, IN WHICH AN APPEAL
LETTER TO PODGORNYY FROM THE PRISONER'S MOTHER WAS
FORWARDED VIA MFA UNDER COVER OF A LETTER FROM THE
AMBASSADOR, A PARAGRAPH WAS ADDED NOTING THAT THE
MOTHER HAD TERMINAL CANCER AND EXPRESSING CONFIDENCE
THAT SOVIET AUTHORITIES WOULD TAKE THAT FACT INTO
ACCOUNT IN REACHING DECISION ON APPEAL. SO FAR AS
CONCERNS US PRACTICE, CLIFF GROSS NOTES THAT OUR
EMBASSY IN TEHRAN ROUTINELY APPEALS TO THE IRANIAN
AUTHORITIES FOR CLEMENCY ON BEHALF OF AMERICAN DRUG
PRISONERS, BUT DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER THIS IS SOP. OUR
PREFERENCE IS NOT TO HAVE US OFFICIALLY REQUEST OR
ENDORSE APPEAL, SINCE WE MIGHT THEREBY INCUR
A DEBT WHICH WILL BE UNPLEASANT, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE,
TO REPAY. IT IS BECAUSE OF THESE CONFLICTING FACTORS
THAT WE REQUESTED DEPARTMENTAL GUIDANCE ON APPEAL
ISSUE.

5. OUR APOLOGIES FOR THE CONFUSING MOSCOW 18155, AND
BE ASSURED OF OUR CONTINUING APPRECIATION FOR YOUR
VIGOROUS SUPPORT. WHAT WE MEANT TO ASK YOU TO DO
IS TO MAKE THE SOVIET EMBASSY WRITE AS MANY NOTES AS
THE MFA FORCES US TO DO HERE. ALTHOUGH IT IS NORMALLY
ONLY A MINOR IRRITATION, IT SOMETIMES CAUSES US
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PROBLEMS, PARTICULARLY IF NOTES HAVE TO BE WRITTEN
ON WEEKENDS OR AFTER DUTY HOURS WHEN SECRETARIES ARE
NOT READILY AVAILABLE.

6. FINALLY, WE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE YOU A PERFECT
VERSION OF THE PRISONERS' MOSCOW MAIL DROP AS FOLLOWS:

USSR, MOSCOW, UCHREZHDENIE 5110/I-ZHKH

OUR RECOMMENDATION IS THAT SINCE CONSULAR VISITS TO THE PRISONERS WILL BE LESS FREQUENT, THEIR RELATIVES MAY WISHE TO ADDRESS THE LETTERS TO THE PRISONERS DIRECTLY TO THE MAIL DROP. WE SUGGEST THAT THE LETTERS BE REGISTERED WITH RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED. COULD YOU PASS THIS TO SCS AND OTHER INTERESTED OFFICES, OR DO YOU PREFER THAT WE REPEAT IT IN THE OPEN CHANNEL?

7. RE PARA 7, OUR 18509, WE WERE SLIGHTLY CONFUSED. WE MEANT TO SAY THAT THE MESSAGE OF PARA 4 YOUR 258005 HAD BEEN PASSED TO THE AUSTRIANS FOR DELIVERY TO MIL'CHUK. SORRY THAT BUKOVSKIY CREPT IN.

8. RE PARA 4 YOUR 291379, EMBASSY AND CONGEN CAN DO A PROGRAM REVIEW. IT WILL TAKE PROBABLY TWO OR THREE WEEKS FOR MUNICH TO GET THE SCRIPTS HERE AND ABOUT THREE WEEKS MORE FOR US TO GET TIME TO LISTEN TO THEM AND DO A REPORT. SHOULD WE GO AHEAD AND ASK MUNICH TO SEND US THE SCIRPTS FOR A PARTICULAR DAY OR DO YOU WANT TO PICK IT? IT WILL BE A TIME-CONSUMING AND UNPLEASANT EXERCISE, BUT WE THINK IT MAY BE USEFUL.

9. ORGANE KOSHKARYAN TELEPHONED EMBASSY DECEMBER 1 TO REQUEST INTERVIEW NEXT WEEK. WE HAVE A FEELING HE WILL WANT TO TRY TO SEND THE REST OF HIS FAMILY OUT WHILE WAITING IT OUR HERE HIMSELF. WE ARE RELUCTANT, HOWEVER, TO SEND OUT THE FAMILY AS LONG AS INS IS PURSUING ITS COLLECTIVE GUILD POLICY. WE SENT KOSHKARYAN'S SISTER A LETTER OCTOBER 19 SUGGESTING THAT SHE FILE A PETITION IF ELIGIBLE. COULD SOMEONE CONTACT HER TO SEE WHETHER SHE HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL, AND IF NOT, HOW LONG IT WILL BE UNTIL SHE WOULD BE ABLE TO FILE THE PETITION. HERE NAME AND CONFIDENTIAL

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ADDRESS IS MARIA BEDROSSIAN, 5176 FRANKLIN AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90027.

10. STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT AMBASSADOR TOON ARRIVE VIA SUPPORT AIRCRAFT IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THIS FACILITY. TO MAKE ARRANGMENTS AND GET SOVIET APPROVAL, WE WILL NEED ABOUT THREE WEEKS ADVANCE NOTICE. (AIR ATTACHE MUST RESERVE PLAN AND GET FLIGHT DATA FROM WIESBADEN, THEN WE MUST APPLY FOR SOVIET APPROVAL TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE.) AIRCRAFT SHOULD CARRY NO RPT NO CLASSIFIED MATERIAL.

11. FOR AMBASSADOR CARGO IN S/IG FROM MILLER:

A. PROSPECTS FOR MY RELEASE NOW APPEAR GOOD FOR MID NEXT WEEK. DR. JOHNSON SAYS "NO MEDICAL REASON"

FOR CONTINUED STAY. WE APPEAR TO BE BUCKING STILL THE
SOVIET CONSERVATISM. AM WALKING, SITTING UP, ETC.
KEEP YOUR FINGERS CROSSED. MY RUSSIAN WILL ALSO BE
2-2 ON FSI TEST? B. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFO RE
FIRST CYCLE ASSIGNMENTS FOR '77. HOPE I WILL NOT BE
AUTOMATICALLY EXCLUDED FROM POSSIBILITY EE TOUR, AT
LEAST NOT BEFORE MEDICAL CONSULTATION. C. INCIDENTALLY,
THIS EXPERIENCE HAS GIVEN ME SOME ADDITIONAL TIME FOR
THOUGHT RE SEVERAL ISSUES IN OUR REPORT. D. WOULD YOU
CONFIRM WITH CAROL MCGUIRE, S/IG, THAT SHE'S CHARGING
SICK LEAVE ON MY T/A. SHOULD HAVE STARTED NOVEMBER 9
WITH EXCEPTION THANKSGIVING. MANY THANKS - HOPE TO SEE
YOU SOON.
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